Vehicular traffic in Delhi

3502. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the volume of vehicular traffic has increased considerably in Delhi,

(b) if so, the number of vehicles registered with Directorate of Transport in Delhi on 31st October, 1987;

(c) whether Delhi roads have been developed to handle such traffic, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 31-10-1987, the total No of motor vehicles registered in Delhi is 12,27,009.

(c) and (d) According to Delhi Administration, in some cases the roads have been found inadequate to handle the present number of vehicles. They are strengthening/widening the roads and are also constructing fly owers/ROBs in a phased manner depending upon the financial constraints.

Road accidents rate in the country

3503 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that India has one of the highest road accident rates in the world; if so, what are the figures in this regard for 1986;

(b) what are the estimated economic losses incurred by the country because of these road accidents; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to tackle this serious problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The rate of road accidents per 1000 vehicles in India has been 22.8 for 1985 and 20.53 for 1986 This is quite high though not the highest

(b) According to Study by National Transportation Planning and Research Centre the estimated annual economic loss because of the road accidents comes to Rs 350 crores

(c) Steps are taken on a continuing basis to reduce road accidents These are, tightening of rules and regulations for issue of driving licences, strict medical tests, vehicle certification tests, enforcement of safe axle weight, limits for vehicles geometric intersection improvements.

Seminar on Abdul Latiff Bhatti

3504. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Maruee' a Cultural Organisation had recently organised a Seminar in honour of the great Sindhi Sufi Bet-philosopher Abdul Latif Bhatti in Delhi as reported in the Clarity of the 8th November, 1987;

(b) whether a large number of Sindhi poets and Writers had attended the 243rd Urs of the poet;

(c) whether Television/All India Radio had carried any special programmes on the occasion; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to give full support to such cultural organisation in order to foster Sindhi and Indo-Pak relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ((SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) MARUEE, New Delhi has intimated that 23 delegates from Pakistan attended

(c) Information is being collected and will be placed before the House

(d) A scheme is being administered by Government of India for providing financial assistance to registered voluntary

organisations for organising celebrations of centenaroes/anniversaries of eminent personalities. Each request for financial assistance is examined on merits.

Biomedical study on the burns caused by Fire Works

3505 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that studies done at the Centre for Biomedical Engineering for the past five years have shown that thousands of people become disabled due to burns caused by fire-works on Diwali; and

(b) what is the total number of patients admitted and treated for burns in Government hospitals in the country on Diwali this year?

THE MINISER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) No authentic data regarding the total number of patients admitted and treated for burns in Government hospitals in the country on Diwali is available with the Government

Price control of the Anaemic Medicines

3506 SHRIMATI SUDHA' VIJAY JOSHI Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 79 per cent of the population is suffering from anaemic deficiency;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 40 per cent of pregnant women have deficiency anaemia; 'and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government on Kelkar Committee's recommendations for decontrol of prices of ferrous salts and other drugs going into the productions of Iron preparations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Studies conducted by National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad of the I C M R have shown that prevalence of anaemia varies anywhere between 40—80 per cent depending on the age group About 60 per cent of pregnant women have anaemia

(c) Government have accepted the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee for the decontrol of prices of ferrous salts

Service benefits to the Ex-AMC doctors in the C.H.S

3507 DR RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Army Medical Corps doctors are eligible to enter the Central Health Services including Central Government Health Scheme only after passing a combined Health Services Examination conducted by UPSC and not otherwise by way of deputation or transfer;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor, especially when these doctors enter the Army Medical Corps only after competing in a proper written test and being selected through interviews duly constituted central and comparable board; and

(c) whether the doctors who enter Central Health Services after a short service commission or a long term commission in Army Medical Corps are given benefit of service in their respective cadre by way of seniority or fixation of pay at definite stage in the scale by giving them the number of annual increment that he has already earned in his present service if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) In accordance with the Central Health Service Rules